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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TATSUSHITO KATAOKA ) Examiner: Sophia S. Chen  
Application No.: 10/643,930 ) Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: August 20, 2003 )  
For: IMAGE FIXING DEVICE WITH ) January 6, 2005  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.